
The public meeting on the conduct of inspections in the NMSS' program areas during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency will begin shortly.

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Conduct of Inspections in the NMSS' Program Areas During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency

Public meeting to obtain external
stakeholder's feedback
July 26, 2021

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Meeting logistics

- Participants are in listen-only mode until the operator is prompted to open the line to commenters
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- You may type short questions or comments via WebEx Chat to “all panelists” and facilitator may read them aloud. The chat function will be saved as a record.
- Meeting will be recorded/transcribed to allow NRC staff to review comments at later date
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Meeting Agenda

- Opening remarks
- Staff introductions
- Presentation about Phase B –Oversight Activities Assessment Working Group effort
- Facilitated discussion by questions
- Closing remarks

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Staff introductions

- NRC staff presenters
 - Leira Cuadrado, Sr. Project Manager and Working Group Chair, NRC/NMSS
- Meeting Facilitator
 - Brett Klukan, NRC/Region I
- Working Group Members

Tony McMurtray

Paul Goldberg

George Alexander

Aaron Thomlinson

Elizabeth Andrews

Jonathan Pfingsten

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What is the Phase B of the NMSS' COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Oversight Activities Assessment?

- Evaluation of the various practices, adjustments, processes, and inspection techniques used to support inspection activities
- Focused on the Nuclear Materials and Waste Safety Programs.
- Provide recommendations to enable NMSS activities to become more agile, resilient, and efficient both during future PHEs and when operating under normal circumstances.

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Phase B Working Group Objectives

- (1) enhance the implementation of these programs during the current, ongoing COVID-19 PHE;
- (2) ensure inspection programs are adequately prepared for future public health emergencies; and
- (3) utilize experiences during COVID-19 to enhance any aspects of the current framework for the oversight programs (e.g., inspection planning practices, guidance, communications) to ensure we continue to implement comprehensive, consistent, resilient, and modern oversight programs into the future.

Phased Approach for this Assessment

Phase A

- Gather internal feedback on implementation of inspection program during the PHE
- Sharing feedback, challenges, and good practices
- Recommendations to enhance inspection guidance **during** public health emergencies ([ML21158A231](#))
(August 2020 – April 2021)

Phase B

- Gather additional feedback internally and externally
- Develop recommendations to further enhance current inspection programs
(April 2021 – October 2021)

Phase C

- Implement approved recommendations stemming from this effort
(Subject to approval of recommendations)
(Timeline: TBD)

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Working Group Membership

- 12 subject matter experts from NRC's headquarters office and the four regional offices
- A steering committee provides management level oversight, includes:
 - Christopher Regan, NMSS
 - Kevin Williams, NMSS
 - Linda Howell, Region IV
 - Trish Holahan, NMSS

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FACILITATED FEEDBACK SESSION BY QUESTIONS

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1) What practices and/or processes worked well in the implementation of NMSS' oversight/inspection program during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency that should continue to be used **in a future public health emergency** or other emergencies that may impact travel?

2) What practices and/or processes worked well in the implementation of NMSS' oversight/inspection programs during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency that should continue to be used **during the normal implementation** of the inspection programs?

3) What practices and/or processes used during the implementation of the NMSS' inspection program during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency should not be used in the future implementation of NMSS' oversight/inspection programs?

4) What worked well with regard of remote sharing of information (including IT platforms, sharing documentation or records, interviews) to support inspection activities?

5) Do you have any feedback on **on-site inspection** activities during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency and the additional coordination to support these on-site inspections?

6) Any additional feedback related to NRC/NMSS inspection activities during the PHE that you will like to provide to the Working Group, that is not already covered in our previous questions?

Thank you for your feedback!

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 3, 2021
1:30-3:30pm

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